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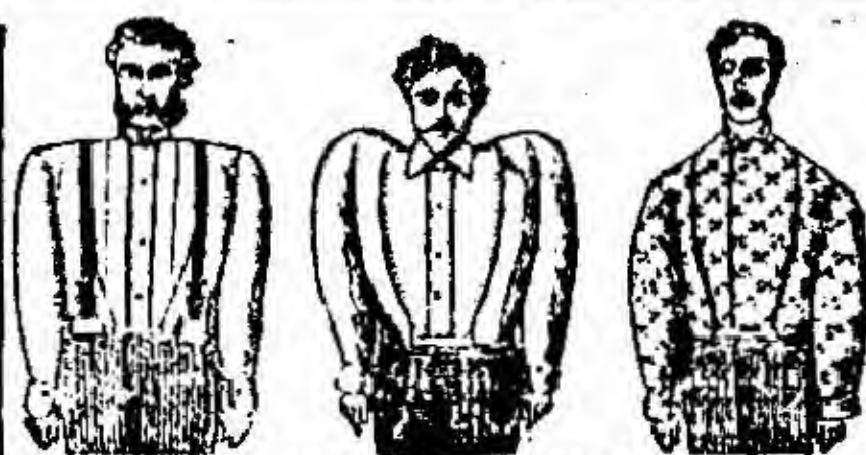
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"EXISTENCE IS ONE VAST UNCEASING CHANGE."

BEHOLD the eastern skies, all glowing
bright
With gorgeous tints of softened crimson
light,
Whose beams, fair emblems of their power-
ful source,
Proclaim to us poor mortals of remorse,
Daily requiting every word and deed
Which cause us joy or force our hearts to
bleed,
That we toward the East should turn and
learn
A precious lesson, for our own concern,
From the mild auspicious King of day
Whose gentle rays and light sweet life con-
vey
To herbs and plants and all that dwell on
earth,
And as we look upon each morning's birth,
We say with joy while treading life's short
range,
"Existence is one vast unceasing change."
At mid of day while nature halts to rest,
And poising equally as if to test
Organic powers in living plants and trees,
She shakes their tops and beats their boughs
with ease ;
Thus quickening life and strengthening growth
By sending vital shocks through parts that
loathe
The ever life invigorating stream
That gives them beauty which mankind es-
teem ;
The showering rain to quench their parch-
ing thirst,
Rejoicing, beauteous flowers from them did
burst
And nature to reward their grateful hearts
Inclosed rich perfume in their brilliant parts.
'Tis thus all recognize the glorious range :
"Existence is one vast unceasing change."

THE DESTINY OF OUR WEST- ERN EMPIRE.

SINCE the earliest historic time
the tide of humanity has flowed
westward. Man originally inhabited
Asia ; from there, following the sun,
he went to Europe ; and although
barricaded there by the sea, he was
only temporarily impeded in his west-
ward course ; breaking the confines
of ocean he came to the eastern shores
of America ; not even there content
to stop, he sought our western empire
—the extreme limit of the Occident
—where man must cease his westward
march. If human progress is influenced
by developement, and if that philoso-
pher was right when he said "time's
noblest offspring is the last," our west-
ern civilization will be the noblest of
all for it will be heir to "all the ages
in the foremost files of time."

The center of population of our
country at the beginning of this century
was near the Atlantic coast ; but 80
years later it had moved—mark the
direction—almost due westward, to
Cincinnati. Why this movement of the
center of population westward instead
of northward or southward ? Why
should the "horny-handed sons of
toil" so eagerly turn their weary eyes to
our western empire ? Why should men
of every vocation so joyfully unfurl
their sails to the breeze with the prow
of their ship turned westward ? Why
did that illustrious journalist Horace
Greely say as if inspired : "Go West,

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EDITORIAL.

THERE should be a flourishing Y. M. C. A. in Fisk this year. The Faculty has given us an opportunity. We must improve it.

LET us have an inter-collegiate oratorical contest in Tennessee. What is the committee, that was appointed at the last session of the Students' Conference, doing?

GOOD resolutions are commendable if carried out, condemnable if not. Can we as students frame and execute a better resolution than that of entering upon the new scholastic year with a determination to make the most of it: to improve upon the

weak points of the past year, to enlarge upon the good and to eliminate and modify the objectionable ones? The object of school is not alone to make brilliant attainments in scholarship, but a thorough discipline of all the powers that in the student lie.

IN our opinion, the greatest boon to the Negro next to prohibition, since his disenthralment, is the League proposed by Mr. Fortune, with the modifications mentioned in our last issue. Let graduates and former students of our school come to the front in their communities in such organization. Of course southern whites will speak, and naturally enough, discouragingly of such a step, but this should be no reason for our disparagement, remembering they have generally been on the "other" side of all questions affecting our weal.

On with the league!

O'BRIEN, the great Irish Editor, has been imprisoned for calling a meeting in advocacy of the Irish league, an act which England regards as seditious. While the lordly potentates of parliament sit upon cushions surrounded by upholstery, a noble man, fighting for his oppressed people, is confined in a lonely, dark, dingy cell at Cork. Truly, the lot of the Irish, like that of the ever-oppressed Negro, is a hard one. Just as certain as the white-winged messenger of peace will never hover his wings over this land of ours till the Negro is accorded every right granted to every other American citizen, just so certain the Irish question will never be settled until Ireland is given Home Rule.